Austin, Jackson form core of Raider squad

Returning senior starters Tim Austin and Mike Jackson form the core of the Appomattox County High School varsity basketball team this year, according to coach Coty Dickerson.

Austin, a guard, and Jackson, who plays center and forward, are joined by returning seniors Kinckle Robinson and Tom Cobb, both guards; and Neal Kelso, a senior forward who is out for varsity basketball for the first time this season.

Joining the five seniors on this year's varsity team are seven players up from last year's junior varsity squad.

Juniors Alex Almond (guard), Darren Tolley (forward), Jack Baker (forward), Brett Marston (forward), Cleve Jones (forward), and Lee Drinkard (center), as well as sophomore Jeff Motley (guard) will comprise the remainder of the Raider varsity 12.

"I haven't decided on a definite starting five yet," comments Dickerson, whose first game is Nov. 30 at home against Amherst. "I have a lot of faith in these kids. They've worked hard, and, like our teams in the past, they'll form their own identity," the coach adds.

Dickerson feels the team's attitude, as well as its senior leadership, will be the key strengths of the Appomattox squad early in the season. "We have some fair shooters, as well," he adds.

One challenge which Dickerson feels his squad will have to meet early in the season is its relative lack of experience. "The solution to that is work, practice, and game experience," Dickerson notes.

"We need to stay healthy," the coach adds, "and we need to keep working on defense. That will be very important this season, especially early on." The Raiders will be running various defenses, depending on their opponents this season, according to Dickerson.

Regarding the Seminole District competition, Dickerson says he expects "a dogfight every time we go out." He notes that Gretna, Altavista, Rustburg and Jefferson Forest will all likely have very good teams this season.

"So much of our season will depend on how well our new kids develop," the coach says. "I'm confident that the kids will catch on to what we're doing, and progress well as the season goes on.

It's going to take a lot of hard work, but the challenge is what it's all about. That's what makes it fun," Dickerson concludes.

Following the Nov. 30 opener against Amherst, the Raiders will play four games before Christmas. On Dec. 4, the team will travel to Liberty; on Dec. 7, the Raiders will play Buckingham at home; on Dec. 11, Gretna will come to Appomattox; and on Dec. 14, the Raiders will play Brookville away.

Junior varsity games begin at 6 p.m., with the varsity games beginning approximately one-half hour after the end of the jayvee games.

JIMMY HAYES, 12, of Appomattox is wearing a smile that just won't quit! He killed his first deer, an eight-pointer on Monday, the opening day of hunting season. He was hunting with his grandfather, Mike Thompson in the Oakville area. (Photo by Frances Abbitt)

Tourney correction noted

In the Nov. 7 issue of the Times-Virginian, it was incorrectly reported that Rick Richardson and Hunter Tolley took third place in the second flight of the Falling River Country Club member-member golf tournament.

The story should have read that Hunter Tolley and Lewis Mann took third place in the second flight of the tournament.

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SPORTS

Tourney raises $1,500

More than $1,500 was raised for county rescue and fire departments in the recent Falling River Country Club benefit.

The funds raised in the tournament will be used to support the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department, and the Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department.

Winners in the benefit tournament were Doug Mitchell and James Paulette in the men's division, and Keturah McCormick and Doris Nash in the women's division.

Youth registration set

The Appomattox County Youth Association will hold registration for its little league basketball program this Saturday, Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at Central Fidelity Bank in Appomattox.

Boys and girls ages 8 through 15 are eligible to register for the county's little league basketball program. Cost of registration is $5.

A registration form is provided for parent's convenience.

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PHIL BOLLINGER, RUSSELL WALTON AND NEAL KELSO (from left) received trophies at Thursday's Lion Club banquet honoring the 1984 Appomattox varsity football players. Bollinger received the trophy for best little lineman. Walton received the trophy for best back, and Kelso received the trophy for best defensive back.

Eight Raider gridders cited

Eight members of the 1984 Raider varsity football team received recognition in voting for this year's All Seminole District team, according to a release from District headquarters.

Paul Johnson and Mike Jackson were both named to the first team; Johnson as quarterback and Jackson as wide receiver.

Tim Austin, Carl Banks and Kevin Kendrick were named to the second team of the all-district squad, as well.

Austin was named to the second-team offense as a receiver, and to the second-team defense as a defensive back.

Banks was named to the second team as a linebacker.

Kendrick was named to the second unit of the district as a tight end.

Three Appomattox players received honorable mention in the voting for all-district honors.

Neal Kelso received honorable mention as defensive back, Russell Walton received honorable mention as linebacker, and Terry Legge received honorable mention as defensive tackle.

Paul Johnson (left) and Mike Jackson were named to the first team of the 1984 All-Seminole District football squad.

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David Eye performs in soldier's show

First Lt. David B. Eye, son of Bruce M. and Shirley C. Eye of Appomattox, Va., performed as a musician in the 1984 Soldier's Show held in Washington, D.C.

The show featured soldiers selected through world-wide U.S. Army talent competitions. These shows have been staged in some form since World War I. The U.S. Army was the first military force in the world to boost morale by encouraging talented troops to perform.

Today, Army entertainment is a well-organized program dedicated to the philosophy "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier." Eye is a company commander with the 2nd Battalion, Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He is a 1983 graduate of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

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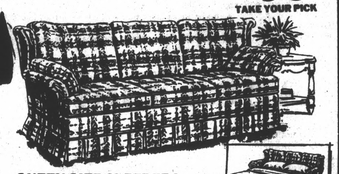

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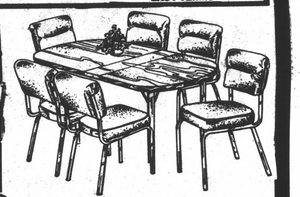

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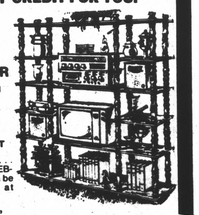

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